

40th Military Police Battalion (Internment and Resettlement)



The 40th Military Police Battalion was constituted 11 June 1945, as the 40th Military Police Service Battalion. The battalion served in China during World War II, from 6 July 1945 to 31 March 1946, then in Korea from 16 February 1948 to 25 January 1949, at which time it was inactivated at Honshu, Japan.

The unit was reactivated on 1 June 1949 in Okinawa, and allotted to the Regular Army during the Korean War on 25 October 1951. In Okinawa, it was inactivated on 19 March 1953.

On 30 September 1966, the unit was redesigned as the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 40th Military Police Battalion and was officially activated on 25 November 1966 at Fort Riley, Kansas. Personnel for the newly activated battalion began arriving on 22 December 1966. The battalion then departed Forbes Air Force Base, Topeka, Kansas on 16 March 1967 to support the Vietnam War. Assigned to the 9th Logistical Command, the battalion assumed command of all operational Military Police in Thailand. The battalion again experienced inactivation on 30 December 1970 in Thailand.

On 16 September 1986, the 40th Military Police Battalion was reactivated under the United States Army Regimental Affiliation Program at Fort McClellan, Alabama, consisting of a Headquarters Detachment and four companies. The mission of the 40th Military Police Battalion was to provide one station unit training (OSUT) for MOS 95B and to produce disciplined, fit Soldiers qualified to perform their basic combat and military police skills on the battlefield. On 28 June 1990, the battalion was deactivated and remained so for nineteen years.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 40th Military Police Battalion (Internment and Resettlement) was activated under an Augmentation (Carrier) UIC on 16 October 2008. The unit is assigned to FORSCOM and attached to the Commandant, United States Disciplinary Barracks for Training and Readiness Authority (TRA).

On 15 April 2009, the 40th Military Police Battalion (Internment and Resettlement) assumed the mission to perform custody, control, services and emergency response in support of the United States Disciplinary Barracks. On 10 January 2011, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 40th Military Police Battalion (Internment and Resettlement) deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn, completing the historic, strategic transfer of detainees to the Government of Iraq. The unit redeployed in December 2011.

The 40th MP BN (I/R) currently commands and controls five subordinate companies: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Disciplinary Barracks; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 40th Military Police Battalion (Internment and Resettlement); 256th Military Police Company; 291st Military Police Company; and 526th Military Police Company. The 40th Military Police Battalion (I/R) provides the Correctional Force, support and emergency response to the United States Disciplinary Barracks (USDB) and simultaneously, achieves METL proficiency, develops leaders and is prepared to conduct theater strategic detention operations in support of Unified Land Operations.

